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Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Scenic Rivers Program
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Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

Re: Spring Creek Scenic River Permit Application State Project No. H.006228

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed are the Louisiana Natural and Scenic River System Permit Application for the replacement of a bridge on the Durand Road over Spring Creek in Rapides Parish, Louisiana and the \$100.00 application fee. The required public notices will be published in The Advocate and the Alexandria Town Talk beginning Wednesday, June 12, 2013. The proof of publication will be forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Scenic Rivers Program when received. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dennis E. Woodward, P.E.
Director of Public Works
Rapides Parish Police Jury



LOUISIANA NATURAL AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM

PERMIT APPLICATIONPermit # 874 (Assigned by Department)

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' Scenic Rivers program is authorized by LRS title 56, Chapter 9 Part II. This law requires permits authorizing activities in or affecting rivers that have been designated by the Louisiana Legislature as Natural and Scenic. Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the application for a permit. Information in this application is made a matter of public record through issuance of a public notice. Disclosure of the information requested is voluntary, however, the data requested are necessary in order to communicate with the applicant and to evaluate the permit application. If necessary information is not provided, the permit application cannot be processed nor can a permit be issued.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant	Rapides Parish Police Jury	Name of Agent (if any)	
Address	P.O. Box 1150	Address	
Address		Address	
City, State, Zip	Alexandria, LA 71309-1150	City, State, Zip	
Phone	(318) 473-6660	Phone	

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY

Brief summary of the description and purpose of the proposed activity (details to be attached as a separate document)
Bridge Replacement
Is any portion of the activity complete? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If yes indicate month and year of completion)

LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY

Stream Name	Spring Creek	Names, Addresses, Phone Numbers of Adjacent Property Owners
Parish	Rapides	Murel V. White, Jr.-220 Durand Rd.
Section	34	Elmer, LA. 71424 (318) 793-5568
Township	2 N	Evelyn H. Callia, EtAl
Range	3 W	1307 Tulip Lane, New Braunsels, Tx. 78130
Latitude/Longitude	Lat. 31 06 36 Long 92 39 15	(830) 625-8437

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Must be a separate document. See the attached instruction sheet for completing the assessment.

CONFIRMATION OF INFORMATION ACCURACY

Application is hereby made for a Scenic River Use Permit to authorize the activities described herein. I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in this application, and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, such information is true, complete, and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the proposed activities, or I am acting as the duly authorized agent of the applicant.
--

Joe Bishop
Signature

06-10-13
Date



State of Louisiana

BOBBY JINDAL
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

ROBERT J. BARHAM
SECRETARY

Dear Scenic River Permit Applicant:

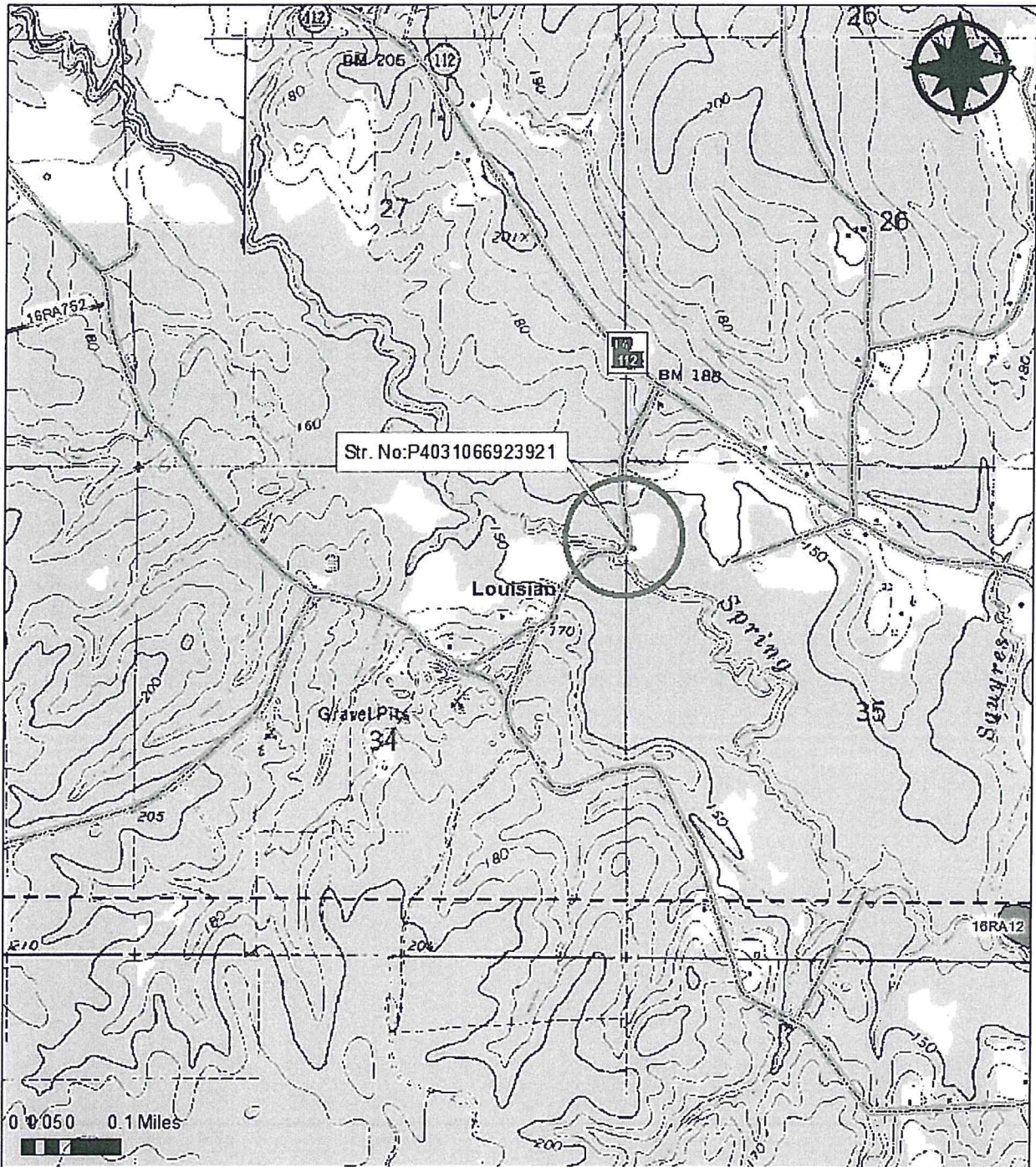
Please review and concur on the following statement regarding the issuance of permits by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. This agreement must be signed and returned before a Scenic River Permit can be issued.

"I have been advised and do understand that by applying for and accepting a Scenic Rivers permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, I am being allowed to engage in an activity which would otherwise be prohibited by law or for which a permit is required. I understand that the permit is not a license and confers no property right upon me. I specifically agree to abide by all State and Federal fish and wildlife laws and regulations, and all State and Federal laws and regulations which relate to this permit or the permitted activity, and by all other terms and conditions of this permit. I understand that the permit for which I am applying may be suspended, annulled, withdrawn or revoked and that I may be assessed civil penalties, all in accordance with the provision of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, and that I may be denied future permits as a consequence of my failure to fully and completely comply with the terms and conditions of the permit, as well as other laws and regulations pertinent thereto. If served with or notified of a cease and desist order signed by the Scenic Rivers Administrator, I agree to immediately and without delay cease all activities and operations which relate to the permitted activity or which are impacting the Scenic River, until such time as the matter can be resolved in an adjudicatory hearing pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. I understand and agree that any permit issued to me by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is in the nature of a privilege which is being voluntarily extended to me by the Department and the failure on my part to cooperate with the Department can result in the loss of the privilege conferred and the denial of future requests for permits. By accepting this permit, I evidence my agreement to be bound by all conditions and stipulations set forth herein."

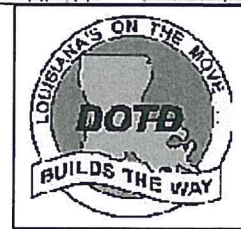

Authorized Signature

6-10-13
Date

REV. 12/7/98



STATE PROJECT No.: H.006230 (713-40-0105)
 FEDERAL AID PROJECT No.: H006228 [BRO-002S(447)]
 OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
 SPRING CREEK BRIDGE
 STR. NO: P4031066923
 DURAND ROAD
 RAPIDES PARISH
 MELDER 7.5' USGS QUAD MAP



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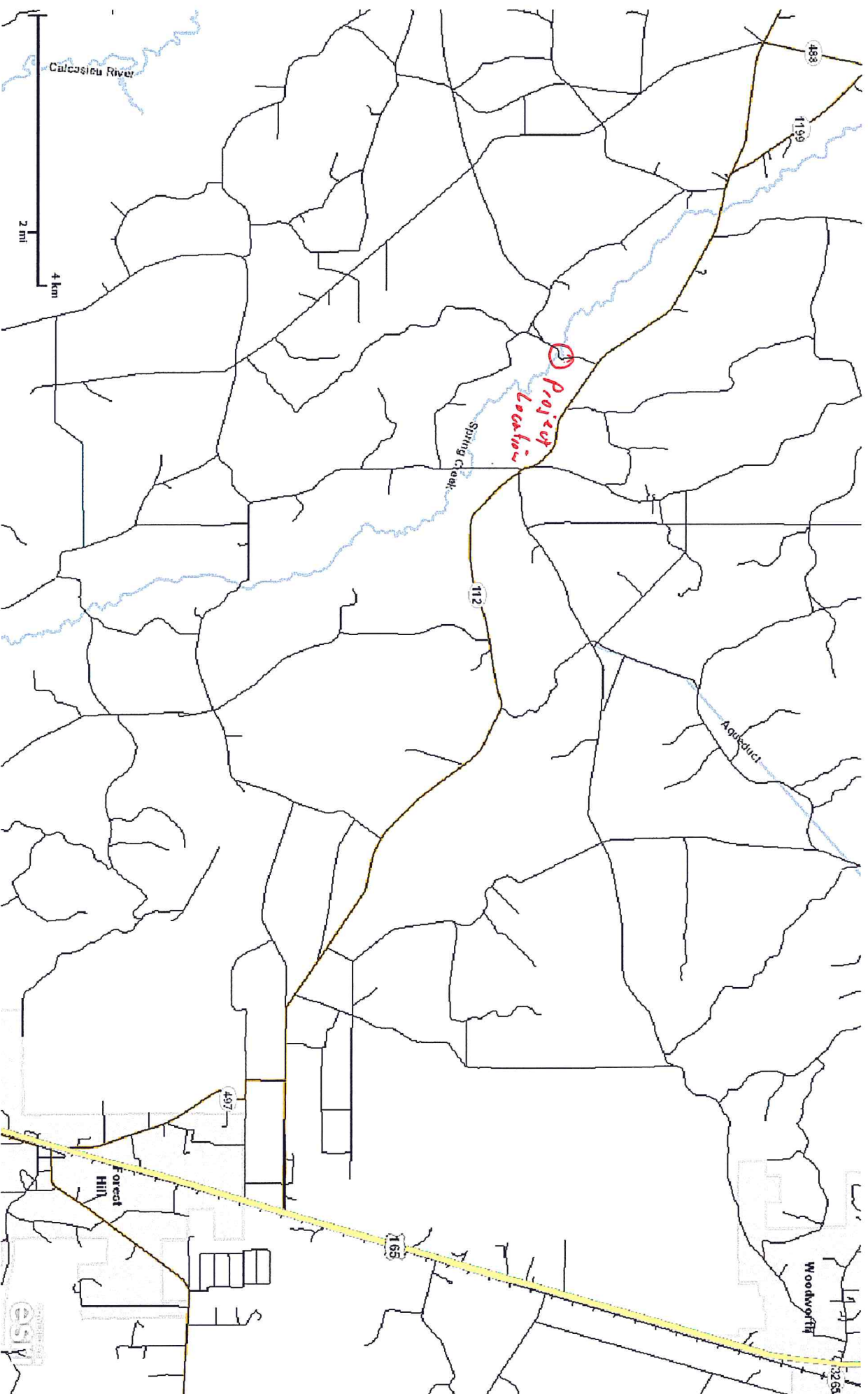
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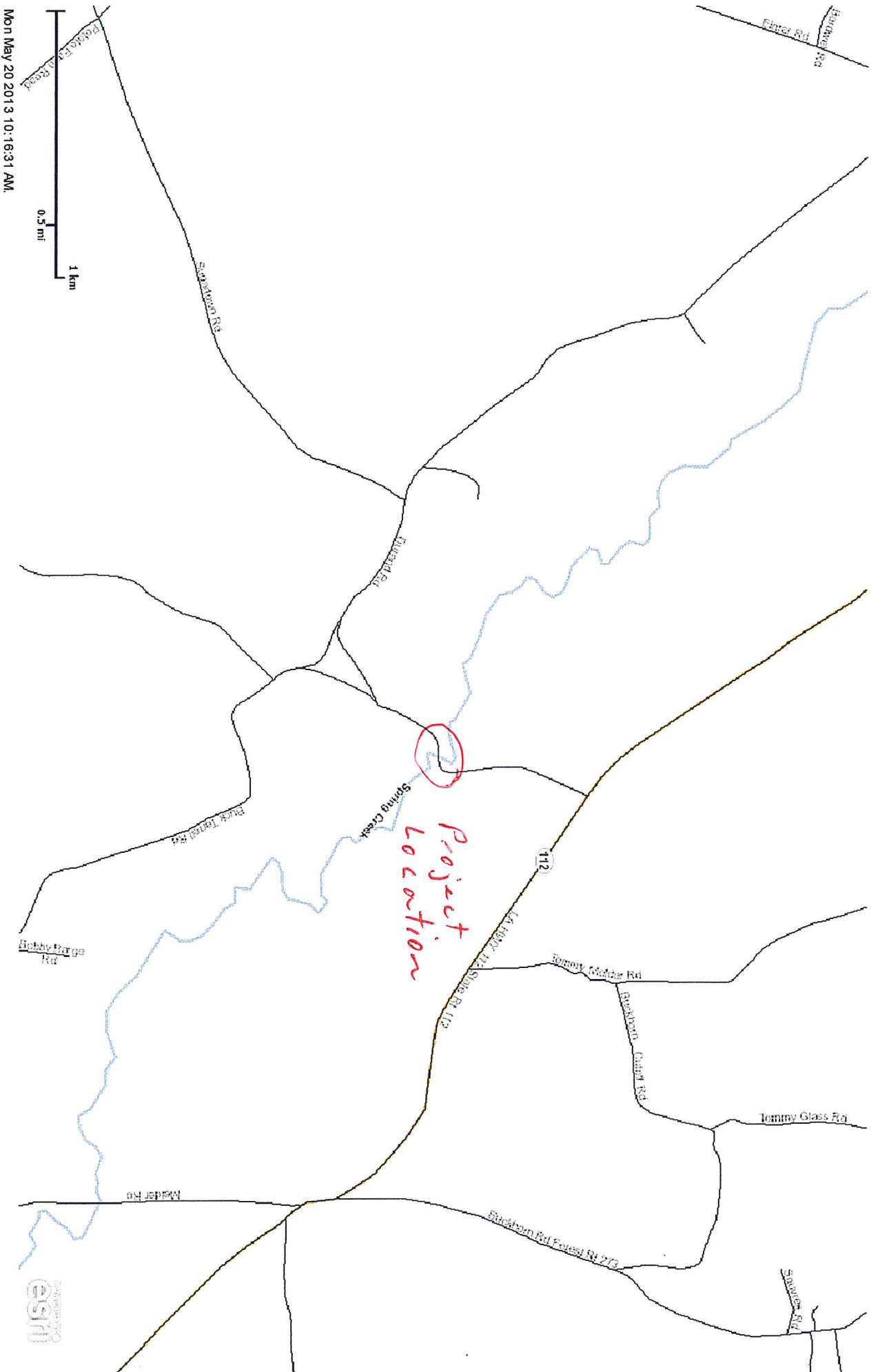
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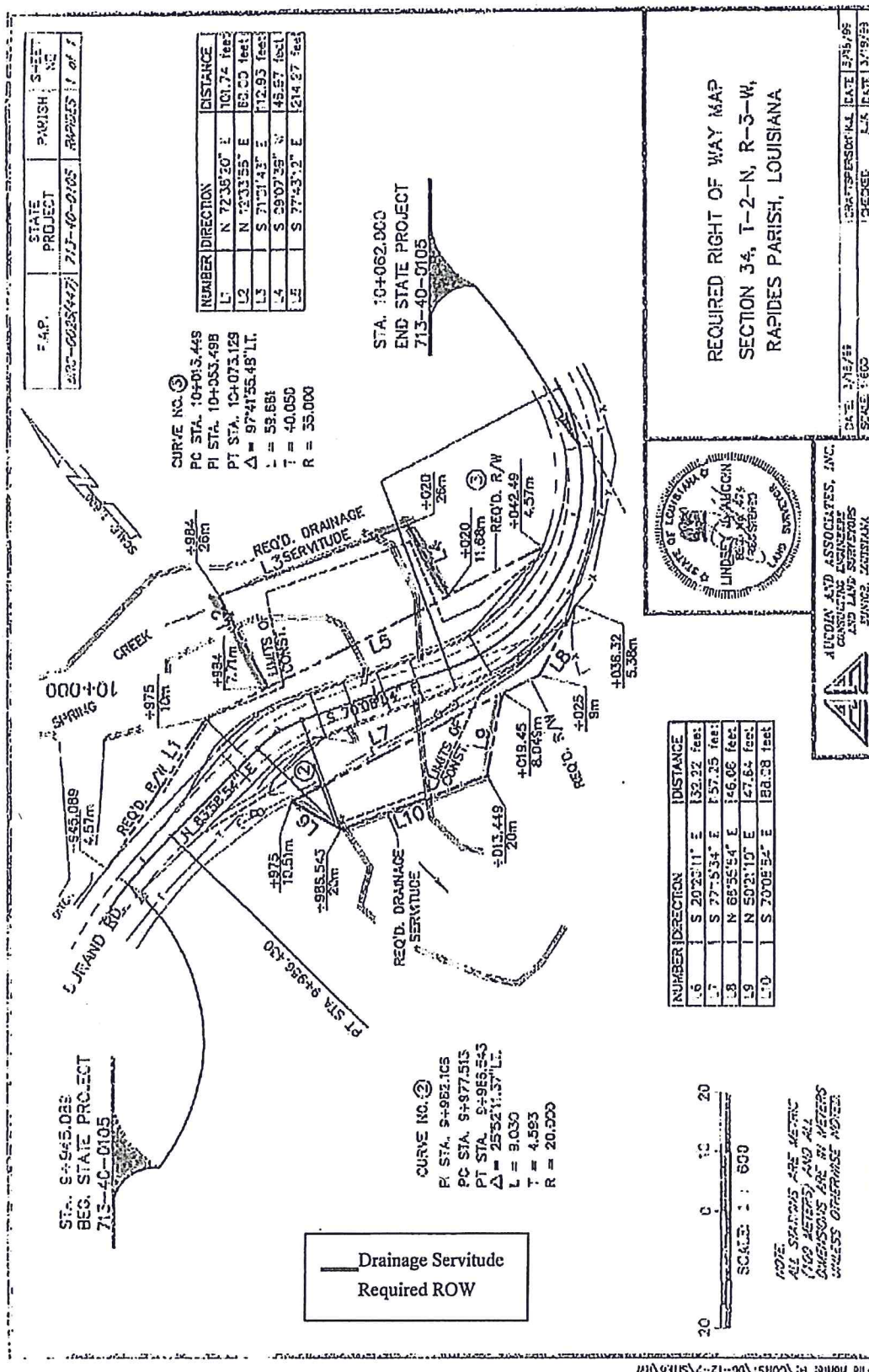


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INTRODUCTION AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Rapides Parish Police Jury is requesting a Scenic River Use Permit for the Spring Creek. The Spring Creek flows through south Rapides Parish into Cocodrie Lake. The proposed project will replace a temporary railroad flatcar bridge on the Durand Road over Spring Creek with a concrete slab-span bridge through the Federal Off-System Bridge Program. The project has been assigned State Project No. H.006228 (713-40-0105). The Durand Road connects LA Hwy 112 with the Buck Terrell, Sugartown, and Elmer Roads. The proposed concrete bridge is 98 feet long by 24 feet wide and will cross the Spring Creek at approximately 90 degrees at the same location as the existing bridge. The site will be closed during construction. The project is located in the Northeast quarter of Section 34, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Rapides Parish, Louisiana.

List of All Parish, State, and Federal Permits Required

Parish Permit is not required

State Permit Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Scenic River Use Permit

Federal Permit Department of the Army Nationwide Permit Categorical Exclusion

Environmental Assessment

Existing Land Use: The Spring Creek drains approximately 21.5 square miles at the Durand Road Bridge. The area is mostly timberland with some pastureland and scattered rural residential. There will be no change in land use in the vicinity of the structure.

Historical/Archeological Sites: There are no known historical or archeological sites in this area.

Economic Impact of the Project: The existing structure is posted for 15-25 tons. The new structure will allow commercial vehicles shorter access to areas served by the Durand Road.

Wilderness/Rural Quality: The area near the project is wooded and rural. The project will not disturb the woods or change the character of the area.

Scenic/Aesthetic Value: The Spring Creek runs through bottomland that is mostly undeveloped which adds to its scenic quality. The project will have no long term impact to the scenic or aesthetic value of the area.

Recreational Use/Opportunities: The Spring Creek runs through the Kisatchie National Forest and provides opportunities for hunting, fishing, and swimming. There is no commercial use of this area. The construction time will not impact the use of the stream.

Ecological Systems Present: The Spring Creek is flanked by pine and hardwood for most of its length. Fish habitat is good and small game hunting is excellent. Erosion control measures will be used to minimize impact to the habitat.

Fish and Wildlife: The Red Cockaded Woodpecker nest in the Kisatchie National Forest, but the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has stated that the project is not likely to adversely affect the Red Cockaded Woodpecker. The Teche painted crawfish is known to occur in the Spring Creek area. The Teche painted crawfish is rare globally and in the state of Louisiana. The contractor will be instructed to take precautionary measures during construction activities and implement proper erosion and sediment control measures and refrain from damming the stream and disturbing the stream bottom. Quantities of erosion control materials have been scoped out for the project and EC-01 is included in the plans for erosion control placement. The contractor is advised to contact Mr. Beau Gregory at (225) 765-2820 for further consultation.

Botanical Elements (Vegetation): The impact to vegetation in this area will be minimum. No wetlands will be disturbed.

Geological Features: Construction of the project will have no impact on geological features. Impact to soils will be limited to the project right-of-way.

Hydrological Features: The project will not impact any aquifers in this area.

Water Quality/Quantity: The project will not have any long term impact on water quality or quantity. Extensive erosion control measures will be used to minimize impacts to habitat.

Statement of Applicants Compliance History

The Rapides Parish Police Jury has not been cited for a violation of the Scenic Rivers Act.

Steps Taken to Minimize and/or Offset Impacts to River

Extensive erosion control measures are called for in the plans. The contractor is instructed to take precautionary measures during construction activities and implement proper erosion control and sediment control measures and refrain from damming the stream and disturbing the stream bottom. The contractors work will be supervised by construction inspectors during construction.

Alternatives to the Proposed Project

The realignment of the Durand Road to reduce the sharp curves on either end of the bridge was considered, but the realignment would require the clearing of trees and a skewed crossing for the bridge. The skewed crossing would have needed a longer bridge and would have disturbed a greater area. A design exception for substandard horizontal alignment was requested from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.



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SHERRI H. LEBAS, P.E.
SECRETARY

May 30, 2012

STATE PROJECT NO: H.006230 (713-40-0105)
F.A.P. NO: H006230 [BRO-002S(447)]
OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
SPRING CREEK BRIDGE
STR. NO: P4031066923921
DURAND ROAD
RAPIDES PARISH

Ms. Pam Breaux
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Office of Cultural Development
P.O. Box 44247, Capitol Station
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

No known historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.

Pam Breaux 6-20-12
Pam Breaux Date
State Historic Preservation Officer

Via E-Mail to: Section 106@crt.state.la.us

SUBJECT: No Historic Properties Affected

Dear Ms. Breaux:

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) propose an off-system bridge replacement project within the Kisatchie National Forest. The Kisatchie National Forest, through solicitation of views, responded in support of the project. Spring Creek Bridge is located on Durand Road (parish road), south of LA 112, crossing Spring Creek in Rapides Parish (see attached map). Structure No. P4031066923921 was originally an 18.729m long by 4.64m wide timber trestle bridge built in 1950. In 2009, due to critical deficiencies, the original bridge was closed and replaced by a railroad flat car as a temporary fix (see Figures 1-2). The proposed new bridge will be a 30.0m long by 7.30m wide concrete slab-span bridge. This proposed project area encompasses approximately 0.620 acre, consisting of 0.318 acre of existing right-of-way (ROW), 0.102 acre of required ROW and 0.200 acre of drainage servitude. Additional construction work will consist of excavation, embankment widening, Class II base course, Superpave asphaltic concrete surfacing, and pavement striping.

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the project is the total of 0.302 acre of additional ROW and drainage servitude (see Figure 3). The Louisiana Divisions of Archaeology and Historic Preservation GIS databases were reviewed to determine if any previously recorded standing structures, districts or archaeological sites listed or deemed eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) are within or adjacent to the APE. None were found within or adjacent to the project area.

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DOTD, in conjunction with FHWA, believe that no Historic Properties will be affected by the proposed project. We request your concurrence. If you have any questions or comments, please call Sharon Gage at (225) 242-4515.

Sincerely,



Noel Ardo
Environmental Engineer Administrator

Attachment
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cc: SHPO File
FHWA

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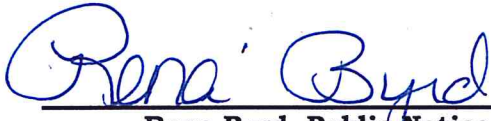
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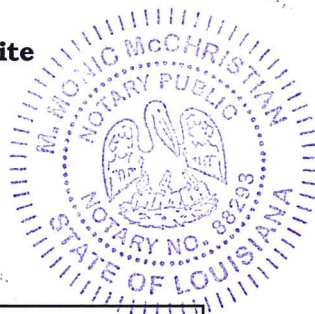
Rena Byrd, Public Notice Clerk

Sworn and subscribed before me by the
person whose signature appears above

June 12, 2013



M. Monic McChristian,
Notary Public ID# 88293
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My Commission Expires: Indefinite



Mr. Dennis Woodward
Rapids Parish Police Jury
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Looking Upstream